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Dear Sir:

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR §1.98, and the examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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